I have allowed him. Please let me make another announcement.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, let my point of order go on record.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Rule 250 and rule 251 are clear and it is within the right of the Chairman to permit. I am in the Chair and I have permitted him.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, Rule 250 says, "All papers and documents laid on the Table shall be considered public". Is it a document or a statement?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him finish. Can you be heard when he is speaking?

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, if it is a document, then why do you say a statement can be laid on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is a mistake.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Let the statement be corrected if it is a mistake. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. K. THUNGON: Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) on Industrial Policy. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 124/91]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: आप भी गलती कर सकते हैं दुनिया में That matter is over.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to make an announcement. I have to inform the Members that the Chairman has received a letter from Shri R. K. Narayan stating that he is not well and he is unable to attend the current Session. The Chairman has also received a letter from Chaudhary Harmohan Singh, stating that he has met with an accident and has been hospitalised and is unable to attend the current Session. Both the Members have requested for grant of leave of absence from all the sittings of the House during the current Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri R. K. Narayan and Chaudhary Harmohan Singh for remaining absent from all meetings of the House during the current Session?

(*No hon. Member dissented*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE SPICES BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move:

> "That in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Spices Board Act, 1986 (10 of 1986) read with rule 5(2) of the Spices Board (Amendment) Rules, 1987, this House do proceed to elect in such manner, as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House, to be a member of the Spices Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COFFEE BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move:

> "That in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Coffee Act, 1942 (7 of 1942) read with sub-rule (2) of rule 4 of the Coffee Rules, 1955, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one